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Dear Food & Drug Administration:

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It has come to my attention that the UPC has petitioned the FDA to ban the forced molting of "laying" hens, filed under docket #98P-0203/CP. I strongly urge you to make a decision to ban forced molting. Forced molting is cruel to the birds and increases the spread of Salmonella Enteritidis infection.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

HAVE, Inc.

Nancy Gordon

President

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